

## Part-time Officer Reports March/April

### Fez Endalaust - Union Council Chair

What I have been working on:

- I chaired the third UC meeting of the academic year on the 13th February, where elected reps discussed our VP Education's attendance monitoring proposal, set the NUS Conference Meeting Quoracy to 31 students (half of the number of students that voted in our NUS delegate elections), and discussed a proposal on introducing disposable plastic cups to the SU.
- I then declared a conflict of interest for the discussion and vote of the Standing Up for Student Sex Worker's motion, as I wrote and proposed the first iteration of that motion two years ago. Therefore, my Deputy Chair Adrienne Solon took over for me for the remaining business of this UC meeting.
- UC was not quorate for this meeting but did take a vote on this motion that came to 20 for and 2 abstentions, with the remaining votes to be taken via email.
- The Chief Executive, Accountability Board, Board of Trustees, sabbatical officers' and part-time officers' updates were given.

Other updates:

- Our final UC will be on 1st May from 5pm

### James Lord – Chair of the Accountability Report

#### What I have done since my last report

Since the last report I have been holding the biweekly Accountability Board drop in sessions in the Hive. They run on Thursdays from 12:00 – 13:00 and will be continuing to do so until May 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Accountability Board has met twice to review policy proposals as well as any reports sent to Union Council.

The Board has decided not to hold another Facebook Live Q+A for this academic year.

The Board has been responding to emails sent to its email address:  
accountability@upsu.com

#### What I am currently working on

As always improvements to the Facebook Page as well as ongoing queries that students have brought forward to the Accountability Board.

Due to the Easter Break, the Accountability Board hasn't needed to meet.

### **What I plan to do**

The Accountability Board will hold at least one final meeting before the last Union Council meeting (May 1<sup>st</sup>) to review reports, as well as any policy proposals that are to be brought forward.

I will continue to hold the bi weekly drop in sessions until May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other updates**

After May 10<sup>th</sup> if a student wishes to speak on a face to face basis they should contact [accountability@upsu.com](mailto:accountability@upsu.com) where a date and time can be arranged.

I passed the hours required to achieve the Gold Volunteering Award as part of this role and will be collecting my certificate at the SSTAR awards.

## **Part-time Volunteering Officer – Kat Pierce**

### **What I have been working on**

The questions which have been trickling out via social media and via word of mouth have resulted in lots of great ideas, and the sharing of volunteering activities people undertake, which has highlighted the number and variety of things volunteers do alongside their studies and as part of volunteering. I have found that there still appears to be many who feel that they should not log their voluntary work as hours, because they enjoy the activities. I have tried to make everyone aware that this is not the case and all volunteering is Volunteering.

I have been reminding people that if they have not replied and purchased tickets for the Volunteer awards evening they need to do so ASAP, and to please see the emails from the volunteer department for more details. I endeavour to keep in contact with the staff in the Volunteer department, by regularly dropping into the hive, and keeping up to date with events that the SLV projects have running, so that I can pass on the messages to the broader student body.

On 9<sup>th</sup> of April I attended the Student Life Committee extraordinary meeting to discuss the student charter. The meeting was well organised and I hope that upon publication of the final document later this year, all students will take the time to read and appreciate the work which went into creating and approving the document.

On 17<sup>th</sup> April I held a Forum meeting and we discussed action take towards ensuring the student body are aware of eth different sections in the SU, the question which have filtered out so far and the ones still to come. As a forum we want to hear what students are doing and if they have feedback for us it is appreciated. So I hope people continue to let us know about issues or things they are passionate about and want others to get involved in.

#### **What I plan to do**

As the end of the year draws nearer I am aware that many people will tone down their voluntary efforts as deadlines and exams loom over them, but I hope to continue to hear lots of positive things about the work going on. Furthermore, I will remain always available if people wish to contact me via email, or seek me out to ask questions.

I am set to attend a reward and recognition focus group, where we will discuss how the different scheme correlate and whether or not they could be amalgamated into one system or a few clear and easy to understand sections. I will update people on this at the next and final forum meeting.

I will attend the Volunteer Award on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2018. I feel it is important that as many people are recognised as possible, so I hope to see lots of volunteer and community partners at the event. Let's make it a night of celebration to remember.

#### **Other updates**

We will have our final Forum Meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.  
I will be bringing drinks and snacks, so feel free to bring your friends and flatmates. The atmosphere will be very relaxed and I'll try to keep the forum short and to the point

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Part-time Environment & Sustainability Officer – Jamie Witherford

Part-time Mature Students Officer – Esha Bhandari

Part-time Postgraduate Officer – Paige Harris

Part-time Societies Officer – Ashlee Mlambo

Part-time Sports Officer – Manasseh Hayfron-Taylor

Part-time BAME Officer – Ropa Mugaza

Part-time Global Students Officer – Laura Prigge

Part-time Women's & Non-Binary Officer – Adrienne Solon

Part-time Disabled Students Officer – Caitlin Brawn

Part-time LGBT+ Officer – Goda Cegialyte

Part-time Academic Officer – Vacant

Part-time Partner Institutions Officer - Vacant

Part-time Faith & Belief Officer – Vacant

Part-time Welfare Officer – Vacant

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